

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment amends the application to correct a few typographical errors and to add new claims 21-24.

As set forth in the Notice of Allowability, mailed July 7, 2005, in this matter, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-20 were allowed. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's finding that the claims are patentable over the prior art of record.

Accompanying this amendment is a Request for Continued Examination, along with a Petition to correct the inventorship in this matter, along with a newly executed declaration signed by both of the inventors, and a Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) providing written consent by the assignee for the correction of inventorship. Also accompanying this amendment is corrected drawing figure 1, as required in the Notice of Allowability.

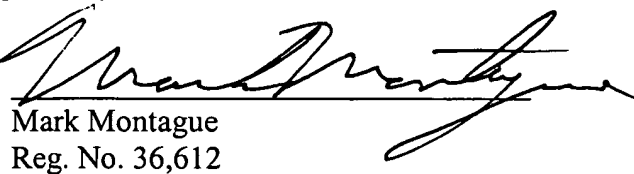
The specification has been amended to correct two minor typographical errors. It is submitted that no new matter has been amended.

Claim 1 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

New claims 21-24 are presented. Support for claim 21 is set forth in claim 1 and nearly the entire specification. Support for claims 22 and 23 is set forth in paragraph 36 of the specification and the abstract. Support for "wet blending process" in claim 24 is set forth in paragraph 25 & the following paragraphs in the specification. The allowance of new claims 21-24 is solicited.

The allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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